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Medicare Prescription Benefits to Affect the Ethnic Aging Community

Salt Lake City- The State Office of Ethnic Affairs in partnership with the Department of Human Services is facilitating a Medicare rx presentation/enrollment meetings for the members of the ethnic aging community.

Beginning January 1, 2006, Medicare Part- D prescription drug coverage will be offered. Medicare is educating the community about Medicare part D coverage, in order to best assist individuals when selecting prescription plans.

"We want to make sure our ethnic community is aware of the choices and options when choosing a prescription plan" said Luz Robles, director of the Office of Ethnic Affairs.

The first two meetings are on Saturday, December 17, 2005, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church 1090 South State Street, Salt Lake City and Second Baptist Church 227 27th Street, Ogden.

The Hispanic/Latino meeting is on Wednesday, December 28, 2005 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Salt Lake City Library-downtown, conference room B, 210 East 400 South, Salt Lake City.

For more information contact the Office of Ethnic Affairs at 801-538-8672.

Note: In order to better assist the community, intake workers will need:

- A list of current medications (including strength and dosage)
- Medicare card
- Monthly or annual income (earned or unearned)

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